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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George Harry Hoffman, et al.

Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND
COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCT FOR USE OF BAR
CODES IN A SUPPLY CHAIN
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 7, and 13 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Amended) A method for tracking a shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising: